

Quarterly Program Performance Report
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Accomplishments Against Goals/Objectives

A summary of the major activities accomplished during the quarter, by objective, are as described below. See also Annex 1 for a comparison of progress by indicator against the annual targets established in the monitoring and evaluation plan.

Objective 1: To build the capacity of local NGOs and CBOs to design, implement, evaluate, and sustain effective programs meeting the needs of street children and those at risk of ending up on the streets

Major Activities

- The draft criteria and guidelines for membership in the Africa KidSAFE Alliance were reviewed and approved by all AKS partners.
- Three new potential AKS partners were identified (Chisomo, Messiah Ministry and Action International, Zambia) and endorsed as AKS members in the AKS Manager's meeting.
- First drafts of partner profiles for all existing AKS implementing partners were completed.
- An AKS program profile was drafted and work on a video documentary was begun.
- Two monthly meetings of the implementing partners and other external stakeholders were held, including participation by children from selected implementing partners. The June meeting was not held due to participation by many members in AKS-sponsored training.
- Data collection formats for monthly monitoring and reporting were revised with input from all partners.
- Training was conducted in advocacy through the Zambian Association of Child Care Workers (ZACCCW) acting as Lead Center. 14 representatives from AKS partner organizations participated in the training (the representatives came from the following organizations: St Lawrence (1), Messiah Ministries (2), Jesus Cares Ministry (2), FLAME (1), Fountain of Hope (2), Anglican Children's Project (2), Lazarus Project (1), Mthunzi (1) and New Horizon (2)).
- PCI assisted the Ministry of Community Development and Social Services (MCDSS) to prepare a proposal to update current child-related legislation, in preparation for drafting a Child Act.
- The first two modules of training in Basic Child Care Qualifications were completed for two groups of participants, including a total of 83 participants (73 with DCOF funding, 10 with match funding). The training report indicated that participants evaluated the training highly and as having provided "much-needed skills in working with children in difficult circumstances."
- The standardized child intake form was updated and distributed to partners.
- ZACCCW also facilitated training in child rights and child participation for 15 representatives from AKS partners, including Zambia Red Cross (1), St Lawrence (2), Chisomo (2), Mthunzi (2) Messiah Ministry (2), New Horizon (2), FOH (1) Lazarus (2), Jesus Cares Ministry (1) and Anglican Children Project (1).

Objective 2: To reduce community-to-street drift of at-risk children by increasing the care-giving capacity of families

Major Activities

- A total of 1,396 women are actively participating in activities organized by AKS implementing partners aimed at empowering families economically (the ‘Mothers’ Program), including 237 caregivers recruited into the program this quarter. Of these, 66 received loans this quarter (from funding sources outside this cooperative agreement).
- PCI is in the process of exploring opportunities to collaborate with other NGOs specialized in microenterprise, such as FINCA, who might be able to provide financial, technical, or other support to the AKS implementing partners.
- Community sensitization campaigns focusing on child trafficking were conducted by Anglican Children Project in Kapiiri Mposhi, reaching nearly 300 people, and in Chirundu, reaching over 100 people.
- Nutritional support in the form of monthly household food distributions was provided by PCI through the AKS partners to a total of 1,223 particularly vulnerable households with children accessing AKS center services (with support from WFP).
- As a way of improving the safety net system for care of children at risk that are on the street, PCI has been working with MCDSS on the revival of District Committees for street children. PCI presented the work of the AKS network at a meeting held on the 29th of June in Kabwe, which had representation from all over Zambia, including social workers from district and provincial MCDSS offices and representatives from DOVCCs.

Objective 3: To reduce the number of children on the streets, through outreach, family tracing and reintegration

Major Activities

- Lead centers for the outreach activities were identified (Fountain of Hope, with support from St. Lawrence), and planning for re-organized AKS outreach activities continued.
- FOH hosted 139 children from the streets in preparation for their being taken to the Kitwe ZNS camp, which happened in June; FOH was being used as a preparation and orientation center for children by the MSYCD under this initiative. 11 children already resident at FOH were also sent to the ZNS camp during the reporting period.
- A total of 119 families were traced during the quarter. 24 children were reintegrated with families.

Objective 4: To meet the basic needs of street children through on-going service provision on the streets and at Africa KidSAFE shelters

Major Activities

- At the nine current centers operated by AKS implementing centers in Lusaka, 386 children were in residence at the end of this reporting period, and being supported with a minimum package of basic services, including shelter, psychosocial support, food, basic medical care, education, and recreation. Of these, 51 were girls and the rest were boys.
- Approximately 1,500 children were reached through outreach programs already established by six of the nine implementing partners.
- With support from WFP, PCI provided partners with food for school feeding at the AKS centers, reaching 2,384 street and at-risk children in April and May, and 2,108 in June.
- Some 1,400 children received basic medical care, either through clinics established at implementing partner centers, or through referrals to government or private clinics.
- A total of 102 were enrolled in different skills training programs offered by the centers, as per last quarter.
- AKS implementing partners have enrolled at least 1,744 street and at-risk children in community and government schools.
- Planning for mobile health services with two Lead Centers—New Horizon and Jesus Cares Ministry—continued (including obtaining authorization from MCDSS and LDHMT, procurement of vehicle and supplies, organizing volunteers, etc.)
- An HIV/AIDS education and theatre for development event was organized for AKS partners and other community schools by PCI and Trans-Zambian Arts for Community Schools, at which some 800 children participated in a month-long process which included artist-in-residence training, educational workshops on HIV/AIDS and other OVC issues facilitated by Kara Counseling, HCP, Red Cross, and UNICEF-affiliate Right to Play, judged competitions, and a gala festival for the general public.
- An HIV/AIDS-focused drama developed by children at the AKS centers was revised with help from a professional script writer; the drama will be video-taped and packaged with a facilitator's guide/teaching curricula to guide education for children at the centers.

Progress in Cash and In-kind Contributions

Despite being the first quarter of the program, significant progress was made during the quarter by PCI and other partners in the alliance in terms of cash and in-kind contributions. A report complete with back-up documentation of the contributions this quarter is being prepared and will be submitted with the next quarterly report.

Other Pertinent Information

No other pertinent information is to be reported this quarter, including no issues of cost overruns or high unit costs.

Annex 1. AKS Monitoring Data - July 2005	April - June 2005	Baseline	Target
Objective 1			
Number of Implementing Partners in Africa KidSAFE Network	12	9	12
# / % of Partner organizations maintaining minimum standards	N/A	N/A	60%
# Child care workers trained in BQCC	83 ¹	40	65
# AKS staff trained as trainers in BQCC	0	10	20
# / % AKS members using child intake form	9	0	12 / 100%
AKS database established and functioning	No	No	
# children in database			500
Quarterly report generated			1/Q
# staff trained in child participation methodologies	15	0	32
# children participating with adults in planning process	N/A	N/A	tbd
# children ideas influencing decisions	N/A	N/A	tbd
# children working in partnership with AKS member organizations /adults to carry out activities	N/A	N/A	tbd
Video on child care developed	0	0	1
Objective 2			
# of caregivers participating in the mothers program	1396	934	1510
# of caregivers trained in micro-credit and receiving loans	18 ²	492	1000
# of OVC reached through the mothers program	2951 ³	2118	3050
# / % of caregivers paying back loans	N/A	60%	80%
Value of savings generated	N/A	N/A	tbd
# of community sensitization campaigns (e.g. on CRC) done by AKS members	2	5/year	6/year
Objective 3			
# of children withdrawn from the streets into centers/ZNS camp, including new and repeat withdrawals	139	N/A	250
# of child case reviews completed	24	N/A	200
# of families traced	119	N/A	300
# of children reintegrated with their families/communities	24	N/A	120
# of staff trained in tracing and reintegration	0	20	48
# / % of children reintegrated permanently (at least 6 months) in households/communities	N/A	50%	80%
Average length of stay at AKS centers (denominator: those permanently reintegrated)	N/A	N/A	tbd
Objective 4			
# of new children registered by AKS implementing partner centers and outreach centers	N/A	N/A	tbd
# of children enrolled in government/community schools	1744	1553	2000
# / % of children retained in community/government schools for at least two full school terms	N/A	60%	80%
# of children reached through street/community outreach programs	N/A	1770	3000
# of youths enrolled in vocational skills training	N/A	102	250
# of children reached with center/mobile health services	N/A	1400	2000
# / % of children reached with nutritional support	2384 ⁴	1526	1800
# of children accessing shelter in AKS centers	386 ⁵	294	350

¹ Including 53 from AKS implementing partners.

² Total trained so far: 705

³ Including 108 new OVC in the current quarter

⁴ Not including 2 of the new partners added this reporting period.

⁵ Not including any of the 3 new partners

